

EXCISE SUGAR TAX REPLACES TARIFF IN REVENUE BILL

Half Cent Internal Revenue Is Recommendation of the Senate Committee COFFEE TARIFF GOES TOO

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 30—An excise tax of one-half a cent a pound will be placed on sugar, if the recommendations of the senate finance committee are followed.

The finance committee yesterday eliminated the ten per cent ad valorem duty on all substitutes which was written into the big \$1,800,000,000 revenue bill by the house, and substituted excise taxes on sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa.

The sugar men of the country thought last week that they were safe from an excise tax on their product; when the southern representatives in congress succeeded in defeating an attempt to place a tax on cotton. It was felt that this precedent would be followed in the case of sugar, and it was, so far as the house was concerned.

OVERTURNS HOUSE PROGRAM

The senate finance committee, however, has overturned the program of the house and substituted excise taxes in place of general ad valorem duties, to raise a large share of the \$1,800,000,000 that is needed by the government.

As originally introduced in the house, the war revenue bill not only imposed ten per cent ad valorem horizontal additions to all dutiable schedules, but it placed also a specific tax on sugar. This was felt by the sugar men to be the result of an error of hasty drafting, and in fact, the specific duty on sugar was eliminated before the bill passed the house.

It is not probable that the house will agree to the changes in the bill proposed by the finance committee of the senate, and if the latter body adopts the recommendations of the committee, the difference will have to be fought out in conference.

LANSING GIVES LIE TO GERMANY

Says Americans Are Prisoners in Face of Direct Denials of Wilhelm's Spokesman

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 30—Seventy-four Americans are held prisoner in Germany, it was announced yesterday by the department of state.

This is a direct refutation of the statement issued a few days ago by the German government to the effect that there were no American prisoners in Germany. It had previously been brought to the attention of the state department here that a considerable number of Americans, mostly men taken from vessels captured or sunk at sea by German submarines, were held prisoner in Germany. The state department, through the government of Switzerland, protested to the Kaiser's government that these men were being detained, while Germans in America were being given every possible consideration.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, replying through the same channel, denied that any Americans were held prisoner. Secretary of State Lansing now says in effect that the German chancellor is not telling the truth.

YEAR'S EXPORTS ARE THREE TIMES THOSE OF TWO YEARS AGO

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 30—Exports from the United States during the year ending April 30, 1917, reached the enormous total of six billion dollars. An announcement to this effect was made by the department of commerce yesterday.

This great total, which is far in excess of the exports of any other year in the history of the nation, is an increase of more than \$2,000,000,000 over the exports of 1916, which were less than \$4,000,000,000. And it is nearly three times the value of the exports of 1915, which were \$2,500,000,000.

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HUN PLOT BACK OF ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MOVE

Vigorous Prosecution of Traitors and Slackers

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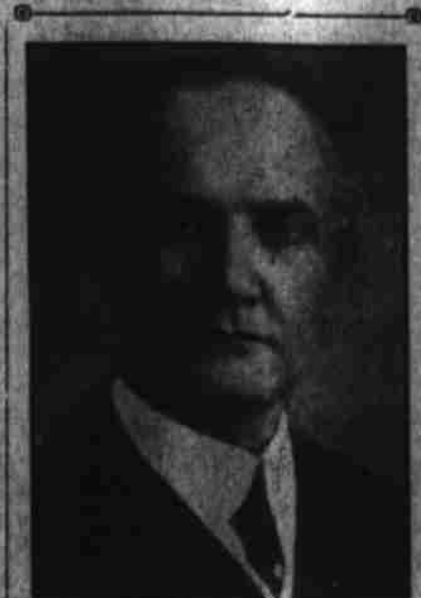
WASHINGTON, May 30—Traitorous Germans in the United States are believed by the government authorities here to be at the bottom of the attempt being made throughout the country to defeat the provision of the new army law which provides for registration of young men of military age and for the selective draft as a means of raising the great army which the United States will send to Europe to aid in the crushing of Prussianism.

The government's reason for its belief that it is Germans who are fomenting trouble lies in the fact that the propaganda being spread throughout the country is virtually the same in all sections. **FAILED ONCE; TRY AGAIN**

The national authorities believe that the German traitors residing in this country are resorting to an attempt to defeat the selective draft after having been baffled in their original program of calling upon all German reservists in the United States to rise in rebellion against the government of this country when war was declared against Germany.

But the government does not intend to tolerate any attempt, on the part of Germans or anybody else, to interfere with the rights and duties of this country in the great war or with the work of raising a huge army to fight

ATTORNEY GENERAL GREGORY, who has ordered all federal prosecuting officers to proceed vigorously against slackers and anti-conscription agitators.



against the attempt of Germany to impose her ruthless and conscienceless "kultur" upon the rest of the world.

NO MERCY FOR SLACKERS

Slackers, it is officially announced, will be prosecuted; all who are called upon must do their duty or suffer the consequences.

Attorney General Gregory yesterday issued a notice asking everybody to report slackers. Men who are of military age and liable for service, who fail to observe

that provision of the army law which requires them to register, will be promptly apprehended, tried and punished.

PROSECUTOR SEDITION

Any person who tries in any way to interfere with or prevent the registration of men of military age as provided for in the new army law is also going to find himself in immediate and serious trouble with the government of the United States, if he is detected.

Attorney General Gregory issued instructions yesterday to United States attorneys and marshals everywhere to do their utmost to arrest and prosecute all persons responsible for agitation in all communities, from New England to Texas and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, against registration.

SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN

It has been brought to the attention of the department of justice recently that there are more or less systematic attempts being made throughout the country to work up an agitation against registration. The department recently obtained evidence that these attempts are taking the form, in some parts of the country, of unsigned letters advising young men to disobey the law and refuse to register.

The agents of the department of justice are making every effort to detect the senders of these letters and all other persons who are in any way attempting to bring about a disregard of the law recently passed by congress.

DRAFT LAW IS CONSTITUTIONAL

California Supreme Court Hands Down Speedy Decision in a Test Case

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30—The selective draft provision of the new army law is not in contravention of the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, it was held yesterday by the supreme court of California in passing upon the point raised in San Francisco by Ferdinand Claudius of Oakland.

Claudius objected to being obliged to register as eligible for military service under the new law, and raised the point that the selective draft is a violation of the thirteenth amendment, which provides that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to its jurisdiction."

"Utterly without merit" is the way the supreme court dismisses this point. The ruling of the court is regarded as of the utmost importance, as it disposes of the only objection on legal grounds that has hitherto been raised against the selective draft system.

There remains now no obstacle in this State in the way of enforcing that provision of the law which requires that young men, must by June 5 register with city or county clerks in order that they may be available should they be otherwise eligible and be drafted for military service.

JAPAN LENDING TO BRITAIN AND FRANCE

Nipponese Official Says Trade Balance Not True Gauge

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

TOKYO, May 29—Minister of Finance Rhoda today explained that the gold movement of Japan, which has been the subject of much recent comment, is due to the indebtedness of Britain and France to Japan via the United States.

Japan, he explained, is now negotiating loans to Britain and France, while Japanese bankers are planning to purchase Anglo-French securities held in the United States. These operations, he predicted, will reduce the outflow of American gold, at the same time relieving the burden of Japan's accumulated gold supplies.

The trade balance, he emphasized, is not a true gauge of the situation.

Broad Hint Is Given Brewers To Be Prepared

Putting Grain Into Beer At Present Time Not Believed To Be In Best Interests of a Hungry World

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 30—The first exercise of its authority granted under the Food Control Bill, should the administration decide to put into effect the power to enforce national prohibition which is included in the measure, will be to ban the use of grains for brewing purposes.

This announcement was made authoritatively last night and is believed to be more or less of a warning to the brewing interests to prepare for some drastic step on the part of the government.

At the present time, the breweries throughout the United States are using yearly 52,500,000 bushels of grain, an amount which many believe the nation cannot spare at this time of world crop shortage.

SENATE REPUBLICANS GAIN ONE MEMBER

Successor To Lane of Oregon Named—Burroughs of Salem

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 30—The Republican party in congress was increased by one yesterday in the senate, due to a recent death.

An announcement from Portland, Oregon states that G. L. McNary, of Salem, forty-three years old, has been named to succeed the late Senator Lane, to fill his unexpired term. Lane was a Democrat, although elected by a Republican legislature, having been designated as the preference of the majority of the voters at the state primary.

In Manchester, New Hampshire, Sherman E. Burroughs, Republican, was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late C. A. Sulloway, also Republican.

SIXTEEN INNINGS IN PACIFIC COAST GAME

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

PORTLAND, May 30—The home team won from Vernon yesterday in what is a record game for the season. The score stood six to five, with the winning run not made until the sixteenth inning.

WILL ELIMINATE THE MIDDLEMAN

Food Controller Seeking Means To Cut Price of Staples, Including Sugar

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 30—Reduction of the cost of food to the consumer is the first aim of the nation food control board headed by Herbert C. Hoover, it was announced here last night by the board.

As a means of bringing about this end, which is considered absolutely necessary, it is proposed to work through a system of executives, each of whom shall endeavor to find means of shortening the chain of speculation which, it is the belief of the government, is largely responsible for the inflation of prices.

The first matter to be taken up in this connection by the food control board will be staples, probably beginning with grain. The prices of flour, meat and sugar are to be made the subjects of careful study and investigation by the executives to whom they are to be specially assigned, and every effort will be made to find means of reducing their cost to the consuming public.

BRITISH LABORITE LEAVES FOR RUSSIA

Arthur Henderson Expected To Influence Socialists

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

LONDON, May 30—Arthur Henderson, the labor representative in the war council of the cabinet, has left on a special mission of great importance for Russia, according to an announcement made here yesterday. His place on the war council is to be temporarily filled by George N. Barnes, the minister of pensions, who is also a labor representative.

Mr. Henderson is the spokesman for British labor under Lloyd George and it is confidently expected that he will be able to exercise a large influence on the workmen and Socialists in Petrograd.

It was rumored here last night that there is soon to be an important change in the cabinet, with Baron Devenport, the present food controller, replaced. Baron Devenport has been suffering from a nervous breakdown, induced by his difficult task. His early resignation is expected.

AN IMPROVED QUININE DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEAD

Because of its tonic and laxative effect LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will be found better than ordinary Quinine. Does not cause nervousness, nor ringing in the head. A member, there is only one "Bromo Quinine." The signature of R. W. Grove is on each bottle.

AUSTRIANS VAINLY ATTEMPT TO GAIN BACK LOST GROUND

Italians Crush Double Offensive and Drive Attackers Back In Confused Rout

SLAVS MOVING IN RUMANIA

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

NEW YORK, May 30—The Italians have paused in their drive against Trieste in order to advance their heavy artillery and to properly consolidate the miles of trenches they have seized from the Austrians.

Taking advantage of this lull on the southern end of the line, the Austrians attempted a major offensive yesterday towards the north, on the immediate Gorizia front, attacking the Italian defenses on the Vodice. This attempt proved to be disastrous, the Italians crushing the attack and launching a counter that drove the Austrians back to their own lines and then from these in confusion.

WIN ALSO ON PLAVA FRONT

On the Plava sector, where the Austrians also attempted an offensive, the Italians were equally successful, throwing the attacking columns back and following up their successes by counter drives. This counter carried the Italians to the end of the valley east of Globna, the Austrians losing heavily both in their attack and in their retreat.

An ineffectual attempt to bombard the Italian positions recently occupied before San Giovanni and Duino was made, the Italian guns silencing the Austrian batteries.

CLAIM AND COUNTER CLAIM

Both Rome and Vienna issued statements yesterday regarding the prisoners taken during the past month. The Austrians announce that 14,500 Italians have been captured in the recent fighting, while the Italians claim to have taken 23,681 Austrians.

An outstanding feature of yesterday's reports was the news from Rumania, where the Russians have renewed their offensive against the Germans and Bulgars.

MINISTERS INSPIRE THE TROOPS

This offensive is supposed to be due to the fact that M. Jansy, the French minister of munitions, and Krensky, the Russian minister of war are now visiting the Russian Rumanian front.

A despatch from Petrograd announces that all monks in Russia have been ordered to leave at once for the front, there to be engaged in sanitary work.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE EXPECTED

The activity today of the Entente air fleets on the west front indicates that a German offensive is expected and that the scouts are sent up to bring information concerning it.

Germanic attacks in the Champagne sector have been repulsed.

ANOTHER HOSPITAL SHIP TORPEDOED

Six of Crew Killed and Patients and Staff Are Transferred To Other Vessels

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

LONDON, May 29—Announcement is made today that the British hospital ship Dover Castle is a victim of the first aim of the nation food control board headed by Herbert C. Hoover, it was announced here last night by the board.

The patients and staff of the Dover Castle were transferred to other ships after the hospital craft was torpedoed and sunk. Six of the crew were killed in the explosion.

Another U-boat sinking was that of the British armed merchantman Hilary. Four were killed when the merchantman was struck by the explosive. Announcement is also made that a British destroyer has been sunk in a collision. No casualties occurred.

The Dover Castle (8271 tons), was formerly in the South African trade, and was owned by the Union Castle Steamship Co., Ltd. She was built in Glasgow, 1904.

The Hilary (6329 tons), was built at Dundee, Scotland, 1908, and was owned by the Booth Steamship Co., Ltd., Liverpool, England.

ROCKEFELLER'S MILLIONS FOR CHINESE HOSPITALS

BAITIMORE, May 30—Frank R. Peck, a contractor, has been commissioned by the Rockefeller Foundation, it was announced here yesterday, to build two great hospitals for the foundation in China.

One is to be located in Peking, the other in Shanghai. The two are to cost \$3,000,000.

EAST ST. LOUIS HAS FIERCE RACE RIOTS

Militia Forced To Interfere and Streets Were Cleared and Saloons Closed

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

EAST ST. LOUIS, Illinois, May 30—Race rioting, precipitated by the importation by the various industries here of a thousand laborers on Monday, broke out in violent form yesterday, following scattered clashes throughout Monday afternoon and evening. The whites and negroes fought a pitched battle, in which knives and clubs were used, three whites and three negroes being seriously wounded in the melee.

The situation got beyond the control of the police and the national guard was called out to restore order. With this assistance, the police made hundreds of arrests last night.

"One of the first orders issued by the chief of police yesterday closed all saloons, while another order issued last night prohibited citizens from leaving their homes. The militia, patrolling the town, have orders to arrest anyone abroad without permission. All public places are closed."

GOTHAM SUBSCRIBES HALF BILLION DOLLARS

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

NEW YORK, May 30—Subscriptions toward the Liberty Loan amounting to half a billion dollars were made yesterday by the various banks and trust companies of this city.